

TV appearance request

Francine Schertzer

01-06-2015,
12:21 PM

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing to invite you to be a guest on *PA Books* to discuss your series on the "Delaware and Hudson Canal Company Gravity Railroad." *PA Books* is PCN's weekly program focusing on books about Pennsylvania topics. Past guests have included Mark Bowden, Cokie Roberts, and James McCullough.

The Pennsylvania Cable Network is a private, non-profit cable television network, a C-SPAN for Pennsylvania, seen on more than 145 cable systems serving 3 million cable homes in Pennsylvania. You're welcomed to view a schedule of upcoming featured books, and to check our statewide outreach at our website <http://pcntv.com/pa-books/> .

We would like to tape the interview at our studio in the Harrisburg region, or perhaps at either our Philadelphia or Pittsburgh Bureaus. Please contact me so that we may discuss your availability and so that I can answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I forwarded the above message to John Buberniak, Michele Bannon, and Ken Atkinson immediately.

Message to John Buberniak:

Good news to share about the D&H DVDs--see below.

145 cable systems serving 3 million homes in Pennsylvania: WOW. Long live the D&H Gravity Railroad!

Message to Michele:

Good news for the D&H and SRP

Michele's reply:

THAT IS GREAT!!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Message to Ken:

Given your direct involvement in my D&H project, you will, I'm sure, be pleased to read the e-mail that I just now received from the Director of Programming at the Pennsylvania Cable Network.

Ken's reply:

WOW! That is so exciting and such great news. I'm sure you're finding that this type of interest is extremely gratifying and emotionally rewarding. With an audience this large your work will undoubtedly wind up in the laps of additional RR enthusiasts. Let the word spread! You so richly deserve the recognition.

Ken Atkinson

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Re: TV appearance request

**S. Robert
Powell <srp18407@gmail.com>**

11:09 AM, 01-07-
2015

to Francine

01-07-2015

Dear Ms. Schertzer:

I accept, with pleasure, your invitation to be a guest on *PA Books*.

There is a lot of flexibility in my schedule, so I could probably drive down to the Harrisburg region at any time that would be convenient for you. An afternoon meeting would be best for me.

Thank you.

S. Robert Powell

Dear Mr. Powell,

This is to confirm your appearance on *PA Books* to discuss *The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company Gravity Railroad: Vol. 1-5*. The program is a one-hour interview with an author of a book on a Pennsylvania topic, and airs on Sunday nights at 7 PM. Please provide me with an emergency/ cell phone number for reference in the event that inclement weather causes delays.

The interview has been scheduled to be recorded at 1:00PM on Friday, January 30, 2015. We request a 12:45PM arrival at PCN's Camp Hill studios. Directions are attached.

I will contact you a few days ahead of time to reconfirm the taping. We look forward to seeing you on January 30th.

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DIRECTIONS TO PCN COMPLEX IN CAMP HILL

From Pennsylvania Turnpike (both directions):

Take Exit 236 (old exit 17) for US Route 15, heading North into Camp Hill. Pass Camp Hill Shopping Mall on left. At North end of mall (2nd stop light), turn left onto PA Route 641 (Trindle Road). ***see below for directions from Trindle Road ***

From Harrisburg and points East via Interstate 83:

Take Interstate 83 South over the Susquehanna River. Continue going straight after the bridge onto PA Route 581 West. Follow this route approximately two miles to the exit for US Routes 11 and 15 NORTH. Pass Camp Hill Shopping Mall on left. At North end of mall (2nd stop light), turn left onto PA Route 641 (Trindle Road). ***see below for directions from Trindle Road ***

From Downtown Harrisburg via Harvey Taylor Bridge:

Take Harvey Taylor Bridge (Forster and Front Streets) onto US Routes 11 and 15 South heading into Camp Hill. Turn right onto PA Route 641 (Trindle Road). Starbucks is on your right and Commerce Bank is across the street. ***see below for directions from Trindle Road ***

From points South via Interstate 83:

Take Interstate 83 North onto PA Route 581 West. (Left hand exit, which loops around highway.) Follow this route approximately two miles to the exit for US Routes 11 and 15 NORTH. Pass Camp Hill Shopping Mall on left. At North end of mall (2nd stop light), turn left onto PA Route 641 (Trindle Road).

***see below for directions from Trindle Road ***

From Trindle Road:

Follow PA ROUTE 641 (TRINDLE ROAD) for approximately one half mile until Fallowfield Road appears on left. Look for the YMCA sign and M&T Bank on the left; Pealer's Florist and Mountz Jewelers are on the right.

Turn left onto Fallowfield Road. PCN is the second building on your left. The entrance is through the large glass area located next to the parking lot.

PCN Address: 401 Fallowfield Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone number: (717) 730-6000.

On Wed, Jan 28, 2015 at 5:17 PM, Francine Schertzer <francineschertzer@pcntv.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Powell,

This is to reconfirm your appearance on PA Books to discuss "Delaware and Hudson Canal Company Gravity Railroad: Volumes 1-5." The interview is scheduled for Friday, January 30th at 1PM from PCN's Camp Hill studios. We request a 12:45PM arrival. The taping will last one hour in duration.

Please contact me if I can be of any help prior to the production.

Many thanks,

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to Francine

Yes, Friday, January 30, interview to begin at 1 P.M. at PCN's Camp Hill studios.

I look forward to meeting you and talking with you about these D&H books.

S. Robert Powell

January 30, 2015: Miserable weather. At 6:15 A.M. I sent the following message to PCN:

6:15 A. M. on Friday the 30th

Roads very bad here.I won't be able to drive to Camp Hill today.

I hope it will be possible to reschedule the interview.

S. Robert Powell

Jan 30 (8 days
ago)

No worries. I'll circle back with alternate dates once I have an opportunity to consult with our host, Brian Lockman.

Mr. Powell,
Would it be possible to reschedule for next week, in one of the following time slots:

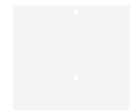
Tuesday, Feb 3, start time between 12PM- 3PM

Wednesday, Feb 4, start time between 12PM-1PM

Thursday, Feb 5, start time between 12PM-3PM.

Please confirm at your earliest convenience. I look forward to hearing from you.

Francine



Yes, for Wednesday, Feb 4, start time between 12PM-1PM.

Thank you for your understanding. I appreciate it very much.

S. Robert Powell

Very good. I'll be there on February 4th by 11:45 A.M.

SRP

On Fri, Jan 30, 2015 at 1:38 PM, Francine Schertzer <francineschertzer@pcntv.com> wrote:

We are reconfirmed for Wednesday, Feb 4th at 12PM. Please arrive at PCN's Camp Hill studios by 11:45AM.

Many thanks,

Francine

February 4, 2015

Got up at 4 A.M. and did my at home chores and was driving out of the yard at 6 A.M.—right on schedule. Light snow flurries in Carbondale but by the time I got to Scranton the roads were largely clear, and the drive down I-81 to I-83 was very easy. I had memorized the directions and, mercifully, was able to follow them, without a single mistake. Arrived at Fallowfield Road around 9:30, with two hours of prep time before the scheduled interview. Went to a coffee place and relaxed and prepared for the interview by going over my notes and papers. Changed into my interview clothes: wore my very reliable and always elegant Harris tweed jacket and a beautiful pair of leather shoes. I felt like a million dollars. When I went into the PCN the young man on the desk/reception welcomed me by name. That was nice. "Let me show you into the Green Room," said he. Very nice. Everything that one could hope for. Francine Schertzer came in and warmly greeted me. Said that Brian Lockman would be ready in a few minutes. I was shown into the studio. Brian very cordial and formal at the same time. I liked him. He liked me. We went through a few preliminaries about format, and then began. Everything went beautifully. He was, I believe, very pleasantly surprised and pleased by my verbal facility. The hour-long interview flew by. He was very pleased with the results, and said so. At the end he said: "Robert, I'm going to do something I've never done before, in the fifteen years that I have been doing this show. [Pause as he removed the paper jacket from the plastic sleeve of the 1829 configuration DVD] He then handed me a pen and said: "May I have your autograph." SRP: "With pleasure." Very touching, indeed. He then said again that he thought the interview went very well. Francine came forward and seconded his remarks and said that the interview would be broadcast on February 15th at 7 P.M. I then returned to the Green Room. On my way there out of the studio, one of

the cameramen came up to me and said: "You did a great job." Thank you, thank you very much, said I. On my way out of the building, the reception desk guy said: "Great job." What a wonderful experience. I got into my Chevrolet and floated on air all the way back to Carbondale, where I arrived before 4 P.M.—just in time to help close up after Dave the coal man delivered a thousand dollars worth of coal.

On the following day, Michele Bannon wanted a complete report—which I gladly gave. Also on the 5th, I phoned Connie Buberniak and asked her if I could invite myself up to the Buberniak house on Sunday the 15th at 7 P.M. to watch the broadcast of my interview. She was very pleased with the news and the request and we're all set for the 15th. Also on the 5th, I sent Francine Schertzer, at her request, about 25 photos that appear in the five volumes. These photos will be background at times during the broadcast interview.

What a wonderful experience. I can hardly wait for the 15th and the broadcast.